

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Jason Michael, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Jana Lindsey, Interim City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Blythe and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by City Alderman Jeff Williams.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Mark McCoy.

There first came on for consideration, a request by Mayor Derek Blythe to correct the minutes of the January 20, 2015 Board minutes. He had misread the bids on one of the well houses and Drexel Davis had been the low bidder on that well house, giving him the low bid to repair all three well houses. Alderman Eaton made a motion to correct the minutes seconded by Alderman Jason Michael, and with all aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- 1.) To approve the minutes of the January 20, 201 board meeting;
- 2.) To approve the monthly accounts;
- 3.) To approve Billy Spencer and Bradley Cain to attend the MRWA annual conference at Jackson, Ms., from March 30, 2015 thru April 2, 2015, with the cost to include registration, lodging, and meals in the amount of \$908.00, and use of the city gas card;
- 4.) To approve Wendall Yates, Janet Boren and Cindy Steward to attend the natural gas tradeshow in Tupelo, Ms. on March 4th and 5th, with the total cost for registration in the amount of \$150.00;
- 5.) To hire Cory Saylor to trim the crepe myrtle trees;
- 6.) To approve the newest list of animal shelter volunteers to include Cynthia Friar, Beth Geno, Drew Gordon, Sandra Gordon, Danielle Maurer, Gretta Sims, Dusti Tice, Elle Tice, Kayla Tice and Heather Yearber;
- 7.) To reimburse Jerry Wallace mileage in the amount of \$212.13 for travel to the Fire Chief's conference;
- 8.) To send the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend the spring conference at Flowood, Ms. from March 18th through 20th, with the cost to include registration, meals, milage and lodging in the amount of \$923.14.

Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on Trudy Featherston with the Mainstreet Association giving an updated report on the Booneville Heritage Day and Relay for Life.

There next came on for consideration the request made by Billy Spencer to hire James Tucker as a seasonal employee at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, at \$8.00 per hour starting immediately. Attorney Tucker had stepped out before this matter was brought for any action. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request made by Billy Spencer to cut down 6 pine trees on Magnolia Street, that belonged to the city, but was starting to effect the sewer lines. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request made by Janet Boren to approve the lowest quote for construction of the customer service counter at the gas and water office. Huddleston and McCarley had the lowest bid of \$5,592.00. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the bid of Huddleston and McCarley as the lowest bid, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board Chris Jones o/b/o Michael Walden asking that if the City could, that the City look at a way to reduce the cost of the gas and water taps to be put in at the old Johnson Mall building. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Bolen, to give the City an opportunity to look into this. All aldermen voted aye, and the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting that Greg Mitchell and Jerry Barnes be sent to the Internal Affairs Training in Birmingham, Alabama, from March 30, 2015 to April 1, 2015. The cost to include registration fees, lodging and meals totaling \$1,106.00 and the use of the City gas card. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting that he be allowed to purchase 6 tactical vest for the SRT Team from Barnies, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$8,442.96. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all

aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request by Brent Mauney, Park Director to review quotes on the UTV. Alderman McCoy made said motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to hire the new full time City Clerk. Mayor Derek Blythe reported that only one candidate that had applied was qualified to immediately fit the City's needs. He recommended hiring Jana Lindsey as City Clerk.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to hire her at the rate of 39,000.00 starting, \$39,500.00 in six months as long as she was doing the Job, and \$40,000.00 in one year. Alderman Eaton seconded this motion, the the following vote was had. Bolen-Nay; Eaton-Aye; McCoy-Aye; Michael-Nay; and Williams-Nay. With a vote of 3 against the motion failed.

Alderman Michael made a motion to hire her at the starting rate of 38,000.00, \$39,000.00 in six months as long as she was doing the Job, and \$40,000.00 in one year. Alderman Williams seconded this motion, the the following vote was had. Bolen-Aye; Eaton-Aye; McCoy-Nay; Michael-Aye; and Williams-Aye. With a vote of 4 for and 1 against, the motion carried.

Next Mayor Blythe requested that he be allowed to post for the Deputy City Clerks Position. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request for the City to Adopt a new Interim Department Head pay policy. Mayor Blythe recommended the following policy: "When a Department Head is absent for an extended period and the board sees the need to for an Interim Department Head, then one will be appointed. No employees will be paid extra for routine absences of Department Heads". Alderman Michael made a motion to adopt said policy, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next came on the Board Report. Alderman Eaton brought up the people at Wal-Mart collecting money from motorist. Attorney Tucker advised that if they were causing an obstruction of traffic, that they could be written a citation for that.

Next came on the Mayors report. Mayor Blythe reported that the MML would be holding

CMO elective classes on April 30, 2015 at Oxford, Ms. with the registration costing \$25.00 per person, and the he wanted himself and Jana to go, as well as any other Alderman that wanted to go. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve said request, seconded by Alderman Williams and with all Aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next Mayor Blythe requested that the City of Booneville become a fire wise community. This would allow us to qualify for some smaller grants. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, City Engineer David Moore requested that the City reject all bids for the natural gas filling station as none meet our criteria. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration the request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Michael made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

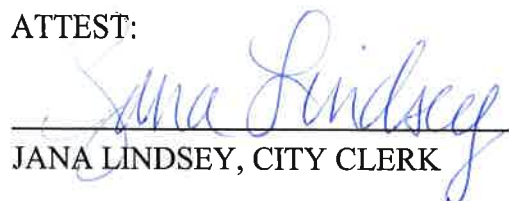
Alderman Bolen made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen voting aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session it was announced that an employee matter was discussed. With that Janet Boren made a motion that Tanisha Shinault be terminated immediately from the gas and water department. The following vote was had: Bolen-Aye; Eaton-Nay; McCoy-abstained; Michael-Aye; and Williams-Nay. With a vote of 2 for and 2 against the motion tied. Mayor Blythe voted aye, therefore breaking the tie and the motion carried.

There next can on for consideration the request to adjourn the board meeting. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANA LINDSEY, CITY CLERK